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**AEPA Middle Grade Exams**

TEACHER CERTIFICATION, ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - Effective April, 2006, the AEPA Middle Grade Mathematics exam became available. The AEPA Middle Grade Language Arts/Reading, General Science, and Social Studies exams will be available April, 2007. The following is important information concerning these exams and certification.

The Secondary certificate requires an approved area for **grades 7-12**. Therefore, a middle grade subject knowledge exam may not be used as the first subject knowledge exam required for a secondary certificate. To qualify for a secondary certificate, one must pass the professional knowledge secondary exam and pass a subject knowledge exam which covers grades 7 – 12 or, if an exam is not offered, one must show 24 semester hours of college coursework in the content area on official transcripts from an accredited institution. **Once the secondary certificate is issued, with at least one approved area that covers grades 7-12, a middle grade approved area may be added by passing the appropriate middle grade content exam.**

The Elementary certificate requires a passing score on the Professional Knowledge Elementary exam and the Subject Knowledge Elementary exam. **Once the Elementary certificate is issued, a middle grade subject approved area may be added by passing the appropriate AEPA subject knowledge assessment.**

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